

(a) a plurality of liquid reservoirs, wherein said reservoirs are capsules comprising water;

(b) a heating element, said heating element comprising an oxidizable material and where said heating element is in communication with said liquid reservoir;

(c) an oxygen-permeable outer-layer, wherein said oxygen-permeable layer is in communication with said heating element, permits oxygen from the environment to contact said heating element, and substantially inhibits the permeation of water from the heating element into the environment;

(d) an active agent; and

(e) a water-impermeable layer, wherein said water-impermeable layer separates said heating element and said active agent;

wherein upon the rupturing of said liquid reservoir, said water contacts said heating element and said oxygen to create an exothermic reaction.

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Please cancel claim 15, without prejudice

Please add new claims 21 and 22

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21. (New) An exothermic device for topically delivering an active agent, said device comprising:

(a) a liquid reservoir, wherein said reservoir is a capsule comprising water;

(b) a heating element, said heating element comprising an oxidizable material and where said heating element is in communication with said liquid reservoir;

(c) an oxygen-permeable outer-layer, wherein said oxygen-permeable layer is in communication with said heating element, permits oxygen from the environment to contact said heating element, and substantially inhibits the permeation of water from the heating element into the environment;

(d) an active agent; and

(e) a water-impermeable layer, wherein said water-impermeable layer separates said heating element and said active agent;

wherein said capsule comprises a sealed orifice that ruptures upon increased pressure, and wherein upon the rupturing of said orifice, said water is released from said capsule through said ruptured orifice and contacts said heating element and said oxygen to create an exothermic reaction.

22. (New) A device of claim 21, wherein said capsule comprises a plurality of orifices that rupture upon increased pressure.

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